

REMARKS

General

Inventors Stephen D. Russell, et. al are referred to herein as "Applicants".

U.S. Patent 6,521,950 issued on February 18, 2003 to Randy Shimabukuro, et. al is referred to herein as "Shimabukuro 950".

U.S. Patent 3,881,175 issued on April 29, 1975 to Frank M. Wanlass is referred to herein as "Wanlass".

U.S. Patent 6,617,187 issued on September 9, 2003 to Randy Shimabukuro, et. al is referred to herein as "Shimabukuro 187".

Merriam Webster College Dictionary, Tenth Edition, p457 is referred to herein as "Webster".

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-17 are rejected by the examiner.

By this amendment:

No changes to the claims have been made.

Response to rejection of Claims 1-9 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Shimabukuro '950' in view of Wanlass.

Attached hereto are two Terminal Disclaimers for the instant application. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-9, based upon obviousness-type double patenting should now be overcome. Removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.


Response to rejection of Claims 10-17 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Shimabukuro '187' in view of Shimabukuro '950' in further view of Webster.

As mentioned above, attached hereto are two Terminal Disclaimers for the instant application. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 10-17, based upon obviousness-type double patenting should now be overcome. Removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0847 an amount of \$260.00 to pay the fees for filing two terminal disclaimers per 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d). Please charge any deficit or credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 50-0847.

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